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1. In early March 1953, source obtained the following information from records of work in

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| Location of Bridge | Status on 31 December 1952 |
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| Bridge over the Dahme River near Pindow | completed on 31 December 1952 |
| Bridge over the Oder-Spree Canal near Muellrose | 90 percent completed |
| Bridge over the Autobahn near Althuetendorf | 90 percent completed |
| Autobahn bridge near Steglitz | completed |
| Bridge at Havelhaeschen F 96 near kilometer marker 27.27 | no details available |
| Railroad bridge near Blindow | 80 percent completed |
| Autobahn bridge over the Muehlenfliess brook near Ruedersdorf | 70 percent completed |
| Bridge over the Kalkgraben ditch near Ruedersdorf | 65 percent completed |
| Autobahn bridge at kilometer marker 35.64 near Werbellin | 70 percent completed |

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| Autobahn bridge at kilometer marker 33.5 near Werbellin | 78 percent completed |
| Autobahn bridge over the Finowfliess brook at kilometer marker 27.04 | 80 percent completed |
| Autobahn bridge at kilometer marker 42.74 near Althuettendorf | 81 percent completed |
| Bridge over the Oder-Havel Canal | 15 percent completed. Construction work has been suspended. |

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25X1X 2. In early March, source learned from a resident of Schwedt that all the bridges over the Oder River near Schwedt were to be reconstructed in the course of the next two years. Work on the Haupthruetcke on Highway No 166 from Prenzlau to Koenigsberg-Neumark via Gramzow, Passow and Schwedt had allegedly already been started.²

25X1X 3. In mid-February, source learned that the Schleusen Bridge over the Havel River at the western exit of Rathenow was to be reconstructed as a steel structure, 78 meters long and with a load capacity of 80 tons. The bridge would establish a direct connection between Rathenow and the newly built road to Gross Wudicke. Construction material was already being shipped to the construction site.³

25X1X 4. On 9 March, source observed that the concrete road immediately northeast of Prenzlau was nearing completion.³

25X1X 5. Source learned that, from October 1952 to late January 1953, the temporary bridge on the autobahn northeast of Eisenach and southwest of Stockhausen was reinforced by a steel construction to a load capacity of 80 tons. The original bridge was demolished in 1945.⁴

25X1X 6. Concreting work on the bridge over the Ohre River 300 meters north of Wedringen was completed. In late February, the road surface was completed except for a two-meter strip. The bridge over the Ohre River between Hillersleben and Vahldorf was opened to traffic.³

25X1A 1. Comment. The present report indicates
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25X1 3. Field Comment. This information is received for the first time.

25X1A 4. Comment. The reinforcement of this bridge was reported
25X1 previously. . The bridge, whose numerical
designation is R-17, is on the Eisenach-Bautzen Autobahn and crosses
Highway No 84.

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